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SUBJECT: SHARJAH AIRPORT

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1. SHARJAH IS PLANNING NOT ONE, BUT TWO AIRPORTS, BOTH OF WHICH UNDER CONSTRUCTION. NEW SHARJAH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL HAVE ONE RUNWAY OPERATIONAL BY JANUARY 1976 AND ACCOMMODATE 747 CARGO AIRCRAFT. MAIN TERMINAL WILL BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS. SECOND AIRPORT, BETTER DESCRIBED AS SIMPLE LANDING STRIP, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON SHARJAH'S EAST COAST. STRIP WILL BE ONLY ONE KILOMETER IN LENGTH AND ACCOMMODATE SMALL AIRCRAFT BRINGING TOURISTS TO WHAT IS PLANNED TO BE LUXURY RECREATIONAL CENTER AT KHOR FAKKAN. CONSULTANT FOR BOTH AIRPORTS IS SIR WILLIAM HALCROW & PARTNERS. INVITATIONS TO TENDER WERE NOT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.

2. AS NOTED REF C, SHARJAH LOOKING FOR FIRM TO MANAGE BOTH AIRPORTS. NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY WITH WORLD AIRWAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HOWARD HUGHES INTERESTS (HUGHES AIR WEST) FOR KHOR FAKKAN AIRPORT AND RECREATIONAL CENTER.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT U.S. FIRM'S INTERESTS ARE AND WHAT FURTHER INFO REQUIRED.

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